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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING OBJECTS BETWEEN TWO DEVICES

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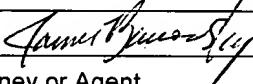
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PATENT APPLICATION

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of the present application, provided by the Notice of Allowance issued on October 22, 2004.

The Applicant wishes to clarify that the Reasons for Allowance may refer to merely some of multiple features that distinguish the allowed claims over the references of record. Further, it is respectfully submitted that the characterization of the allowed claims, as set forth in the Notice of Allowance, provides a generalized characterization of the aforementioned claims, and therefore should not be interpreted as presenting a fully accurate interpretation of the scope of any of the respective allowed claims.



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Favorable consideration of the present comments on the statement of reasons for allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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